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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` ` FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	151,101 (2)	151 , 645
Light hens	2,011	1,778
Heavy hens	1,432	1,250

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-12 & 7-Apr-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL HENS	
	3-31-12	4-7-12	3-31-12	4-7-12	3-31-12	4-7-12
Head	346	300	0	0	346	300
Head sltr Comparis	sons					
Last Week	311	346	0	0	311	346
Same week yr ago	409	316	25	0	434	316
To-date/2012*	3 , 857	4,157	36	36	3,893	4,193
To-date/2011*	5,088	5,404	121	121	5,209	5 , 525

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. and CANADA

	Light Hens		Heavy Hens		Total Hens	
	3-31-12	4-7-12	3-31-12	4-7-12	3-31-12	4-7-12
Head	2,022	2,022	1,372	1,271	3,394	3,293
Head sltr Comparise	ons					
Last Week	2,120	2,022	1,383	1,372	3,503	3,394
Same week yr ago	1,469	1,809	1,326	1,392	2 , 795	3,201
To-date/2012*	24,319	26,341	19,340	20,611	43,659	46,952
To-date/2011*	23,738	25,547	19,492	20,884	43,230	46,431

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
Head	147,760	1,722	1,271	2,993	443
Avg Wt	5.65	3.36	8.12	5.38	6.76
Head sltr compar	isons				
Last week	149 , 755	1,676	1,372	3,048	407
Same wk yrgo	159 , 746	1,493	1,392	2,885	475
Avg Wt	5.69	3.16	8.12	5.55	6.85
To-date/2012	2,093,361	22,184	20 , 575	42 , 759	5 , 945
To-date/201	2,235,058	20,143	20,763	40,906	6,308

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 149.6 million head, or 2.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-12

	A 25 lbc	B	C	D 7 76 1bc	
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	38,891	64,257	23,984	20,628	147,760
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.40	6.83	8.50	5.65
% of total1	26%	44%	16%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last wee	39,670	61,956	24,232	23,897	149,755
Avg Live Wg	3.87	5.54	6.77	8.71	5.80
% of tota/1	26%	42%	16%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2	37,126	72,079	28,740	21,801	159,746
Avg Live Wg	3.85	5.37	6.78	8.42	5.69
% of total	23%	45%	18%	14%	100%
To date/2012	501,686	902,241	372,936	316,498	2,093,361
To date/201	538,775	1,000,488	367,625	328,170	2,235,058

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 07-Apr-2012

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Breeders	Turkeys
Head	1,593	2,336	18	6	3 , 953
Avg Wt	17.03	40.04	27.67	30.37	30.70
Head sltr comparison	ıs				
Last week	1,931	2 , 575	18	2	4,526
Same wk yr ag	1,724	2,602	18	2	4,346
Avg Wt	17.02	39.15	26.55	40.69	29.53
To-date/2012	24,475	34 , 575	289	103	59,442
To-date/2011	24,355	35 , 427	311	108	60,201

*Note: Year-to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.